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Part III. Rate Schedule No. 18	
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18.4 QUALIFICATIONS (cont)

18.4.2 Qualification through Governmental Program Participation

18.4.2.1 To qualify for lifeline service through governmental program participation applicants must participate in at least one (1) of the following governmental programs:

1. Department of Housing and Urban Development
2. Medicaid
3. Food Stamps
4. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
5. Federal Public Housing Assistance Program
6. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
7. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
8. National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program

18.4.3 Qualification through low income eligibility

18.4.3.1 To qualify through low income eligibility, the applicant's income as defined in Sec. 54.400(f) must be at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

18.5 CERTIFICATION

18.5.1 General

18.5.1.1 Applicants for lifeline must meet the eligibility guidelines. A certification process shall be used to ensure only eligible applicants receive lifeline service. Each applicant must certify that they are receiving support for only one line per household.

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18.5 CERTIFICATION (cont)

18.5.2 Certification of eligibility through low income qualification.

18.5.2.1

This ETC participates in the ALIVE Board program established by the Arkansas General Assembly in 2005 through Act 2289 of 2005 to provide a governmentally maintained income qualification certification process that includes self-certification by applicants, under penalty of perjury, that the documentation presented by the applicant accurately represents their annual household income and provides the number of individuals in the household. Per F.C.C. order, each subscriber must provide certain certifications when enrolling in the Lifeline Program. New Lifeline subscribers must provide documentation of program-based eligibility, which the Telephone Company enrolling the subscriber should review, but not retain. Should the subscriber attempt to certify based on income, the Telephone Company shall be provided supporting documentation in order to complete the certification. The certifying document shall also include the requirement that the consumer will notify this ETC if the consumer's income exceeds 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The ALIVE Board program shall provide this ETC with a copy of the above referenced procedures. This ETC shall review the procedures to ensure the procedures are appropriate to certify and document income

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18.5.2.2 This ETC shall monitor the ALIVE Board to ensure the ALIVE Board establishes appropriate procedures and provides this ETC with a copy of such procedures. This ETC shall review the procedures to ensure the procedures are appropriate to certify and document income based eligibility for lifeline enrollment. An officer of this ETC shall monitor the ALIVE Board certification process and procedures and shall certify at time of enrollment, under penalty of perjury, to the best of the officer's knowledge, that this ETC has procedures in place to review documentation via the ALIVE Board, and that the ETC, via the ALIVE Board, was presented with documentation that confirms the consumer's household eligibility, in that the consumer's household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

18.5.3 Certification of eligibility through participation in governmental programs

18.5.3.1 The applicant's eligibility for lifeline service due to participation in governmental programs shall be certified by the applicant in coordination with the governmental entity providing, monitoring, or reviewing program participation. For instance, many programs may be provided by the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, and local school districts. This ETC, through the ALIVE board or the third-party, will coordinate with the applicant and the appropriate governmental entity to ensure proper certification. This ETC shall require the third-party to establish appropriate procedures that include self-certification by applicants, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant receives benefits from the eligibility programs and identify the program or programs from which the applicant receives benefits. The certifying document shall also include the requirement that the consumer will notify this ETC if the consumer ceases to participate in the program or programs.

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18.6 CONSUMER COMPLAINT RESOLUTION

18.6.1 General

18.6.1.1

The Federal Lifeline Program requires a consumer complaint resolution process. The Arkansas Public Service Commission has determined in Order No. 1 of Docket No. 05-038-U that any ETC, which maintains tariffs and is subject to the Public Service Commission's consumer complaint procedures, meet the dispute resolution requirements for Lifeline. This ETC is subject to the Public Service Commission's consumer complaint procedures and shall use the Public Service Commission's consumer complaint procedures to meet the dispute resolution requirements for Lifeline.

18.7 VERIFICATION OF CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY

18.7.1 General

18.7.1.1

The Lifeline program requires this ETC to annually monitor the continued eligibility of Lifeline participants by requiring each Lifeline subscriber, both existing subscribers and new subscribers, to provide annual self-certifications attesting to their continued eligibility of the program. During the re-certification process for year 2012, the Telephone Company shall re-certify all of their subscribers claimed on their June FCC Form 497 and report the results of this annual re-certification process to the Commission, USAC, and the Arkansas State Commission by the end of 2012. Beginning in 2013, this Telephone Company will annually choose to either, where ETCs cannot re-certify their subscribers by accessing a database, to re-certify their Lifeline customers on a annual basis or elect to have USAC re-certify them. Also, should the Telephone Company choose to use a state of federal program database to confirm a consumers ongoing eligibility for Lifeline, the annual re-certification will not be implemented.

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18.8 PROCESS FOR TERMINATION OF LIFELINE BENEFITS

18.8.1 General

18.8.1.1 A consumer's eligibility for Lifeline may be terminated due to failure to maintain qualifications for Lifeline. This ETC shall follow the required process for termination of Lifeline benefits.

18.8.2 Process

18.8.2.1 Customers will be notified of the impending termination of Lifeline benefits in a letter separate from the consumer's monthly bill.

18.8.2.2 The customer will have up to sixty (60) days from the date of the termination letter in which to demonstrate his or her continued eligibility before Lifeline support is discontinued.

18.8.2.3 A customer who appeals must present proof of continued eligibility consistent with the above Lifeline qualifications.

18.8.2.4 This ETC will terminate Lifeline services for subscribers who fail to demonstrate continued eligibility within the sixty (60) day time period.

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18.9 RECORD RETENTION POLICY

18.9.1 General

18.9.1.1 The Federal Communications Commission has established specific record retention requirements for the Lifeline certification process. This ETC will have specific procedures to ensure its record retention policy complies with legal requirements.

18.9.2 This ETC, through its own recordkeeping or through the recordkeeping of the ALIVE Board and its third-party contractor on behalf of this ETC, shall maintain certification records for the period of time required by the Federal Communications Commission for all Lifeline participants.

18.9.3 This ETC shall retain certifications, signed by the subscriber, regarding the consumer's eligibility for Lifeline, including self-certifications, that income documentation accurately reflects the household income. This certification shall be retained at least as long as the consumer receives Lifeline service from this ETC or until this ETC is audited by the Administrator. This ETC shall maintain certifications for subscribers terminating Lifeline service for at least three (3) years after termination. Such records shall be maintained in compliance with all federal and Public Service Commission requirements and such records shall be provided to the Administrator or the Public Service Commission upon proper request.

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2015 Progress Report
For Magazine Telephone Company
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In its USF / ICC Transformation Order and subsequent Orders, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC " or "Commission") requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") to submit a five-year build-out plan in a manner consistent with Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) for the Commission's Rules by July 1, 2014 and to submit annual progress reports thereafter. Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) states in part that ETCs are to submit a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its proposed service area. Each ETC shall estimate the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements.

In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories". Magazine Telephone Company ("MAGTEL") is a rate-of-return carrier ETC and submitted its five-year network improvement plan in the 2015 submission, which was filed in June 2014. MAGTEL now submits its first Progress report in this, 2016 submission.

This progress report will focus on the activities that have transpired to-date in funding year 2015 as well as activities which are planned to transpire during the remainder of 2015. As a point of reference and for historical purposes, MAGTEL will include the original 5-year plan filed in the 2015 Submission.

Estimated Federal Support for 2015 – (114)

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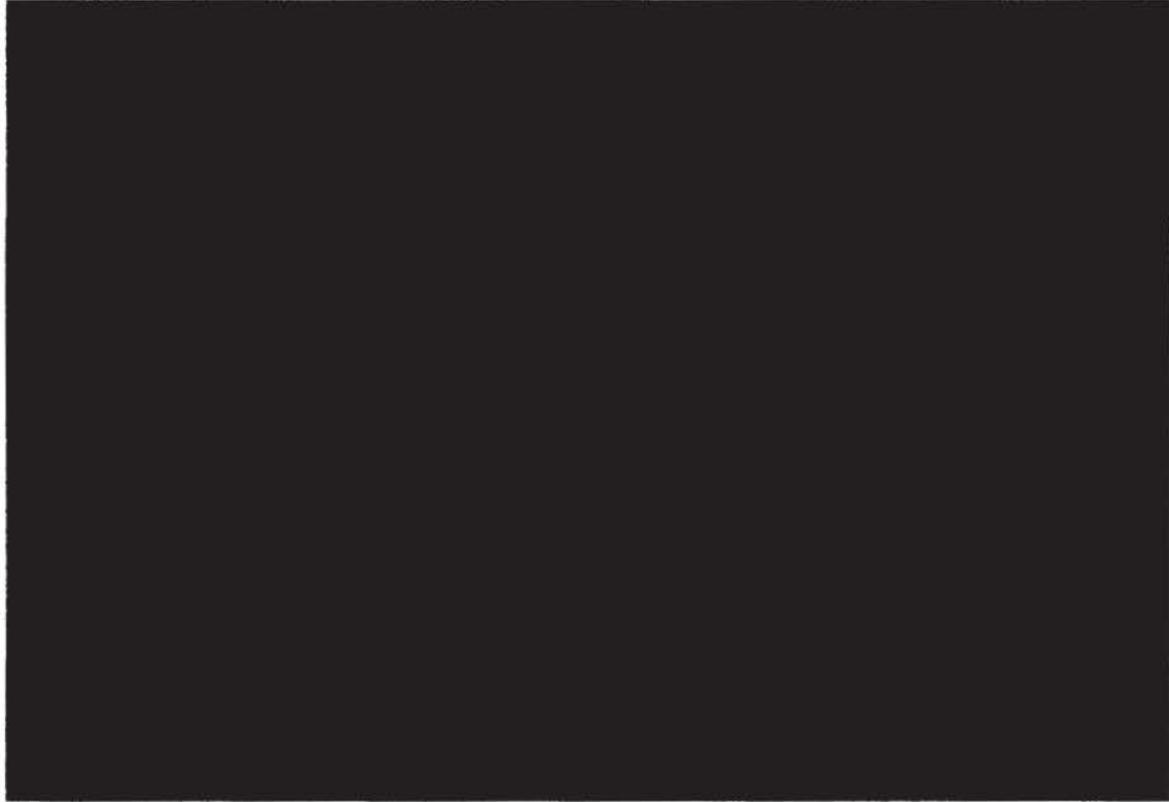
Per the Universal Service Administration Corporation's (USAC) Third Quarter 2015 projected support, MAGTEL estimates their support funds in the following manner:



Summary of 2015 Progress – (115), (116), (117)



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Explanation of network improvement targets not met – (118)



Map detailing its progress toward meeting its plan targets – (113)



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Historical Five-Year network Improvement Plan submitted June 2014

For Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.

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I. The Challenges Faced by the Company in Providing Voice and Broadband to its Rural Service Area

A. Description of the Company and its Service Area



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B. The Exchanges Contained Within the Company's Study Area



II. The Company Has Used and Will Use Universal Service Support Only for the Intended Purpose

Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended requires ETCs to use Universal Service Support ("USF") only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC's rules, in order for state-designated ETCs to receive USF for the coming year, states must annually file certifications by October 1 stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within the state " was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." ETCs not designated by the state must file similar certifications with the FCC.

In its USF/ICC Transformation Order, the FCC clarified that prior to making the Section 254(e) certifications, states should conduct a "rigorous examination of the factual information" contained in the annual Section 54.313 reports, of which the

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five year network improvement plan and annual progress reports are a part, in determining whether they can certify that carriers' support has been used and will be used only for the purpose for which the support was intended. The FCC said that it would also use the reports to verify certifications filed by ETCs that are not state-designated. In this context, the Commission stated, " in light of the public interest obligations we adopt in this Order, a key component of the Section 254(E) certification will now be that support is being used to maintain and extend modern networks capable of providing voice and broadband service.

Essentially, under the existing rules and processes, the federal USF received by the Company and other incumbent rural telephone companies are, in fact, an integral part of the recovery of expenditures of rural incumbent local exchange carriers incurred in the provision, maintenance and upgrading of their provision of facilities and services for which the USF is intended. Magazine Telephone Company depends upon its receipt and utilization of federal universal service support to provide rural telephone customers with affordable and quality voice and broadband services.

Accordingly, given the critical role the network improvement plan and the progress reports will have in the annual Section 254(e) certification process, Magazine Telephone Company's plan and progress reports will demonstrate not only how MAGTEL has used and will use USF not only for improvements and upgrades, but also for the provision and maintenance of the facilities and services to which the support was intended.

III. The Company's Five-Year Network Improvement Plan

When the Commission adopted its five-year plan requirements for FCC designated ETCs in its 2005 ETC Order, it set forth the following criteria as to how the ETC is to describe with "specificity" the proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its service area:

- (1) how signal quality, coverage, or capacity will improve due to the receipt of high-cost support throughout the area for which the ETC seeks designation;
- (2) the projected start date and completion date for each

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improvement and the estimated amount of investment for each project that is funded by high-cost support; (3) the specific geographic areas where the improvements will be made; and (4) the estimated population that will be served as a result of the improvements.

In that order, the FCC clarified that service quality improvements in the five-year plan" do not necessarily require additional construction of network facilities." Accordingly, the improvements listed in the plan may be projects related to the expansion of the network (one or multiple service), projects related to updating technology to accommodate new services or higher bandwidth or maintenance projects, such as to reduce trouble reports and replace outdated equipment. Additionally, in some cases, the projects may be ones that improve or upgrade the entire network rather than discrete areas within a study area or they may be ones that are ongoing projects that have no specific start and completion dates.

The instructions to the Form 481 state ' recipients may describe where improvements are expected to occur by wire center or census block, as appropriate. To the extent no improvements are planned the specific areas , the five-year plan should so indicate." The instructions also require that in subsequent annual progress reports which must include the total amount of universal support received must provide this information "broken out separately by the amount spent on capital expenses and the amount spent on operating expenses."

Accordingly, the Company's five-year plan separately provides both capital expenditures and operating expenses.

A. The Company's Major Network Improvement Projects

Based upon this framework, Part A reflects Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.'s major network improvement projects for the five calendar years 2015 through 2019 along with the start and completion dates, capital cost, areas and population associated with those projects

B. How These Projects Will Improve the Network

Below is a detailed description of each project listed in Part A.

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Project 1

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Project 2

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Project 3

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Project 4 [Redacted]

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Project 7 [Redacted]

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Project 10 - [Redacted]



Project 11 [Redacted]



Project 12 [Redacted]



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Project 13



Project 14



Project 13



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Attachment A

Magazine Telephone Company
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2015 Construction Status



Magazine Telephone Company

Response to Lines 3010 – Milestone Certification

Magazine Telephone Company (“Company”) hereby certifies that they have taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonable comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.313(f)(1)(i).

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Response to Lines 3012 – Newly Served Anchor Institutions

Magazine Telephone Company (“Company”) hereby certifies that they have had no new requests for broadband service from any community anchor institution during the preceding calendar year.

ASSETS		BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS				CURRENT LIABILITIES			
1. Cash and Equivalents				25. Accounts Payable			
2. Cash-BUS Construction Fund				26. Notes Payable			
3. Affiliates:				27. Advance Billings and Payments			
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable				28. Customer Deposits			
b. Other Accounts Receivable				29. Current Mat. L/T Debt			
c. Notes Receivable				30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.			
4. Non-Affiliates:				31. Current Mat. Capital Leases			
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable				32. Income Taxes Accrued			
b. Other Accounts Receivable				33. Other Taxes Accrued			
c. Notes Receivable				34. Other Current Liabilities			
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable				35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)			
6. Material-Regulated				LONG-TERM DEBT			
7. Material-Nonregulated				36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes			
8. Prepayments				37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes			
9. Other Current Assets				38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes			
10. Total Current Assets (1 thru 9)				39. Funded Debt-Other			
NONCURRENT ASSETS				40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan			
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies				41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt			
a. Rural Development				42. Rescued Debt			
b. Nonrural Development				43. Obligations Under Capital Lease			
12. Other Investments				44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies			
a. Rural Development				45. Other Long-Term Debt			
b. Nonrural Development				46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)			
13. Nonregulated Investments				OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS			
14. Other Noncurrent Assets				47. Other Long-Term Liabilities			
15. Deferred Charges				48. Other Deferred Credits			
16. Jurisdictional Differences				49. Other Jurisdictional Differences			
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)				50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)			
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT				EQUITY			
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service				51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed			
19. Property Held for Future Use				52. Additional Paid-in-Capital			
20. Plant Under Construction				53. Treasury Stock			
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill				54. Membership and Cap. Certificates			
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation				55. Other Capital			
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)				56. Patronage Capital Credits			
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)				57. Retained Earnings or Margins			
				58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)			
				59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)			

(30051) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers
Balance Sheet - Data Collection Form
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FCC Form 485
OMB Control No. 3040-0906
July 2013

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 <020> Program Year 2016
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data <030> Kathy Stone
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 5799682111
 <039> Contact Telephone Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> magtel@magtel.com

PART 8. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Non-specific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning of Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period ((31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38))		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning of Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio ((14+20-10-11)/7)		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio ((14+20+26)/7)		
47. TIER ((31+26)/26)		
48. DSCR ((31+26+10+11)/44)		

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FCC Form 481
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986
 July 2013

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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	<035>	4799692211
<039> Contact Telephone Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	<039>	magtel@magtel.com

PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2. Net Income	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3. Add: Depreciation	
4. Add: Amortization	
5. Other (Explain)	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (including Current Maturities)	
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	
22. Other (Explain)	
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25. Other Long-Term Investments	
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27. Other (Explain)	Retirements
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30. Ending Cash	